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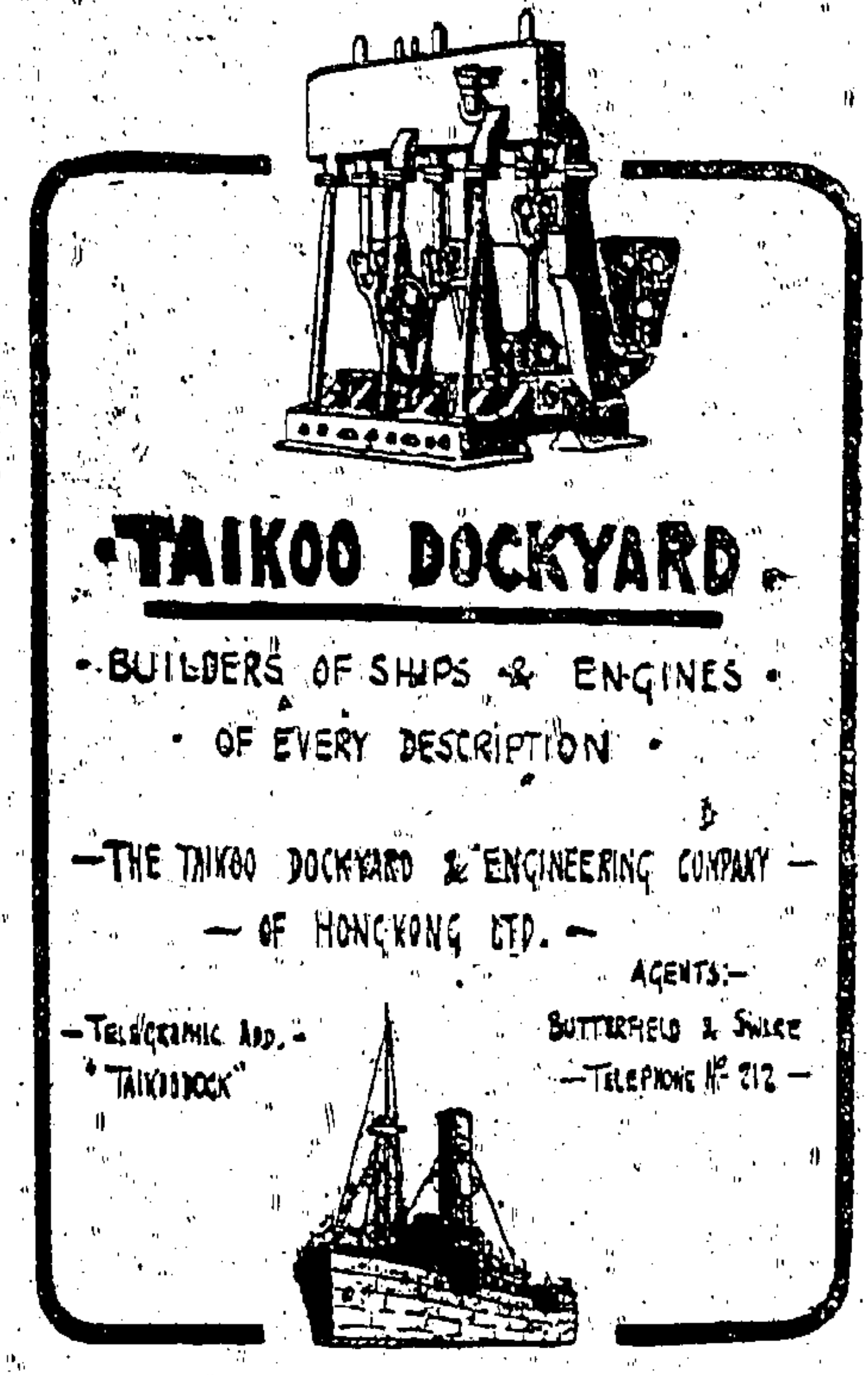

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THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE SITUATION IN GERMANY.

THE STARVATION "ENTERING A DECISIVE STAGE."

LONDON, March 30.

As evidence of the strain and anxiety in Germany the *Muenchner Post*, referring to the Allied blockade, says that the starvation owing to the war is entering a decisive stage. All Germans will realise the meaning of endurance before harvest time.

A SPEECH BY THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, March 30.

Speaking in the Reichstag, Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg referred to the forthcoming extraordinary session of the United States Congress at which "the question of war or peace between us would be decided." He declared that Germany never had the slightest intention to attack the United States and that Germany did not desire war with America to-day. Germany's renunciation of her repeated offer to the United States to abandon unrestricted submarinism was due to England's intensified blockading of Germany. "We shall not have to bear the responsibility if America regarded that as a reason to declare war on Germany," he said.

GERMAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS RUSSIA.

Referring to Germany's attitude with regard to the recent events in Russia, Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg stated that the time-honoured friendship between the two countries ended with the death of Alexander II. The Tsar Nicholas drifted into the Entente's wake because he was a partisan of the war party and disregarded the Kaiser's friendly advice in 1905 to no longer oppose the nation's justified wishes for reforms. If Russia had concentrated on internal reconstruction there would not have been room for the restless policy of expansion which led to the war, and such hatred of the old régime that no pity is left for the rulers of the downfallen House. Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg emphatically denied that the Kaiser was desirous of abolishing Russia's hardly-won freedom or of re-establishing Czardom over enslaved subjects. "We will not meddle with the Russian reconstruction and we only hope that Russia will become a bulwark of peace," he declared.

CHINA'S ATTITUDE.

Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg asserted that China's rupture of relations was the result of outside pressure. He was confident that the old friendship with China would revive after the war, when Germany would recover her trade in East Asia.

"WARM THANKS" FOR THE RETREAT.

He said that warm thanks were due to Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff for what they had accomplished on the Western front. He also boasted of the success of submarinism.

FRANCHISE REFORM.

The Chancellor concluded by referring to internal questions and declared that the speeches in the Reichstag had not convinced him of the possibility of beginning the reform of the Prussian franchise. It was a serious matter to decide such a question while millions of men were in the trenches.

OTHER SPEECHES IN THE REICHSTAG.

AMSTERDAM, March 30.

After Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg's speech in reply to the debate on emergency taxation in which a number of speakers urged franchise reform and demanded an official assurance that Germany would not attempt to restore Czardom in Russia, the Socialist Noske, said he hoped that peace would soon be concluded with Russia and declared that the German socialists did not dream of revolution but insisted upon the abolition of Prussia's reactionary system.

The Progressive, Herr Muller, accused the Prussian Upper House of originating the new submarinism because they feared electoral reform. He asserted that the King of Bavaria had emphatically pronounced in favour of universal suffrage.

The Reichstag adopted the taxes. Both Socialist parties voted against the Government after a statement made by Dr. Bernstein emphasising the hostility of neutrals towards Germany.

"HANDS OFF OLD PRUSSIA."

INTERESTING DISCUSSION IN THE PRUSSIAN DIET.

AMSTERDAM, March 30.

The Upper House of the Prussian Diet discussed Electorial Reform simultaneously with the Reichstag.

General Kleist declared that the reform of the Franchise would simply lead to a Republic. He concluded by shouting "Hands off old Prussia."

Count Roon said Dr. Bethmann Hollweg's panegyric in the Reichstag was quite uncalled for. The Reichstag had only done "its damned duty" in the voting of war credits; twas the Reichstag's franchise that needed reforming.

GERMAN LYING.

EXCUSE FOR THE "1,000 BRITISH DEAD."

"SAVING THE FACE" OF THE KAISER.

LONDON, March 30.

Mr. Philip Gibbs, writing from Headquarters, says the Kaiser has recently been on the British front. It was he who ordered villages like Roisel and Lagnicourt not to be abandoned without fighting; hence, probably, the false statement in a German communiqué that a 1,000 British dead were lying in Lagnicourt. In reality our casualties there were few and not a single corpse was left on the ground. Such a lie is significant of the necessity of encouraging the German people and troops, but the latter know the strength of the positions they abandoned, and the fictitious strength of the Hindenburg line, which runs along low marshy ground completely observed by the British on the plateau above.

GERMAN INFAMY.

BRITISH MEASURES.

LONDON, March 30.

Reuter authoritatively announces that Great Britain will take, without further warning, "such measures as will perhaps bring home to the German Government some realisation of its infamy."

NORWAY AND THE GERMAN BLOCKADE.

CHRISTIANIA, March 30.

The Government has protested against the German blockade.

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By Order of
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Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917. 1523

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Hongkong, March 21, 1917. 1601

NOTICE.

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T. W. GARRETT,
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PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE.
Sydney, March 2, 1917. 1627

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE special attention of the Public is directed to the undermentioned Regulations which form part of the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under Section 3 of the Electricity Supply Ordinance, 1911, on the 15th March, 1917.

33:—"Any person making any addition to any electrical installation connected to the Company's main without obtaining the written consent of the company thereto shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding $100 for every such addition."

34:—"Any consumer upon whose premises any such addition shall be found, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding $100 for every day, or part of a day during which such addition shall have been in existence. In this regulation "consumer" means the person in whose name the contract for the supply of electricity to such premises was made with the Company, or if there be no such person, the principal tenant or person in actual occupation of the premises in which such addition shall be found."

Having regard to the possibility of a breakdown of the Company's present plant through unauthorised additions to existing installations the Public is earnestly requested to co-operate with the Company by bringing to the Company's notice any contraventions of the above regulations.

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THE ROUT OF THE TURKS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

BRITISH GUNBOATS SURPRISE OUR INFANTRY.

The story of the Turkish rout from Kut is told in the following telegrams received on March 1st at Delhi from Eyewitness, Mesopotamia:—

February 25.—Cavalry bivouac, west of Shumran: The Turks are in full retreat; they have abandoned all positions between Sannaiyat and are retiring in the direction of Baghailah, another twenty-five miles up the Tigris as the crow flies. Our infantry, after crossing the Tigris at the Shumran bend yesterday morning and driving the enemy from the trenches on the river bank, followed him in the night as he retired on the ridge astride the Shumran peninsula. This morning after some stiff fighting they captured the position. All day the Turks have been fighting a stubborn rearguard action. Their line of retirement is intersected by numerous nullahs. These and ruined huts scattered all over the country afford good cover for machine-guns and hamper speedy pursuit by the cavalry, while marshy ground to the north hinders flanking movements. During the two days' fighting in Shumran bend we have taken four field guns, some machine-guns and three trench mortars and 1,660 prisoners, who include four Germans.

COMMAND OF THE TIGRIS.

The Shumran crossing and our vigorous offensive at Sannaiyat were two concerted actions fought at a distance of thirty miles simultaneously. Pressure on the right bank west of Kut and on the left bank east of it dispersed the enemy's forces. Our crossing of the Tigris at Shumran cut his line of communications and compelled his withdrawal from all points downstream and in consequence our Sannaiyat troops were able to follow up their successful attack against diminished opposition, and the Takhlat and Suwada lines fell to them in succession. Kut was an incident in their advance. The capture of the town, though of sentimental interest, is of small significance compared to the rout of the Turkish army and the command of the navigation on the Tigris which up to to-day was interrupted by the Turkish lines at Sannaiyat.

This morning our infantry whose élan secured this advantage were bivouacking in Shumran bend when they saw our gunboats steaming up the river with decks cleared for action. They lined the banks and cheered them. It was the first time for months that the navy and the troops in the firing line had met. The infantry after the attack at Sannaiyat counted five hundred Turkish dead in the trenches and took fifty prisoners. Our aeroplanes flying low harried the retreating Turks dropping bombs on them and emptying their Lewis guns into their ranks. The cavalry were engaged further west.

ACTIVITY OF OUR GUNBOATS.

A further message, dated February 26, from a bivouac west of Imam Mahdi, says: Yesterday the Turks put up another stiff rearguard action three miles further on. Our infantry rushed two nullahs they were holding in force and captured 316 of the garrison, including twelve officers. The Turks put in an unprecedented amount of shell fire both here and in the area covered by our cavalry but the mirage was most elusive and our casualties not heavy. They were probably firing off dump ammunition as an alternative to leaving it behind. As our troops entered Imam Mahdi the Turks were seen galloping off just out of range. The road is strewn with their artillery ammunition, and small arm ammunition, dumps of bombs, pontoon wagons and other military plant. Our cavalry are in pursuit to the north-west. Our monitors have taken 150 prisoners. Columns of smoke have been seen from the enemy's burning stores. The local telegraph lines are reserved for the moment for urgent military messages and despatches must be sent by riders to advanced general headquarters, hence the delay.

February 28: Cavalry in pursuit of the Turks have reached Azizie, capturing six more field guns and over three hundred more prisoners. Gunboats have recaptured our gunboat "Firefly" and taken the Turkish steamer Basra with two barge loads of wounded prisoners and have sunk another steamer together with iron barges and mahailas (big country sailing boats). The infantry continue to round up the stragglers. Five howitzers, many rifles and a large quantity of pontoons and other military stores and supplies were taken yesterday at and about Baghailah including tents, pack, saddlery, medical stores, grain, dates, oil, timber, etc.

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MR. FISHER'S CHANCE TO REFORM ENGLISH EDUCATION.

To the current issue of the English Review Mr Austin Harrison, the editor, contributes a stimulating article on the reconstruction of English education, on the completeness of which, he contends, the fruits of the war and our physical victory will assuredly depend. Mr H. A. L. Fisher, the new Minister of Education, has, he states, a thrilling opportunity.

"The point to notice," he writes, "is that the intellectual disabilities with which creative minds in this country have had to contend are the direct results of the restricted educational code of the Reformation, thus, leading to the neglect of national standards of culture and to a stagnant plane of education, which, acting on an inveterate insularity, severed us, as it were, from European thought and movement, so causing us to develop in a world literally of our own in which the Continent shaped as some morally and socially inferior growth

—And as bigotry lost its authority and the resultant cynicism supervened, men turned to games, which for years now have been the fetish of our schools—School-masters were chosen (they still are) for their physical aptitudes, regardless of their ability to teach—Our schools do not fit men to face the competition of Europe—and so we may expect from the new Ministry our first Ministerial State, or municipal programme, founded upon co-ordinated seats of learning under a central Ministerial responsibility."

MILITARY SERVICE IN SINGAPORE.

"ROUND-UP" BY THE SINGAPORE POLICE.

Nine cases, in which it is alleged that the defendants, being resident in Singapore for more than two months, failed to make a return as required by the military service enactment, came before Mr. W. Langham Carter in the first magistrate's court recently. In two cases the summons was withdrawn when defendants explained that they registered as soon as the omission was brought to their notice, while previously they had not been acquainted with the requirements of the enactment. Another defendant proved that he had been exempted on account of medical unfitness, and the case was also withdrawn. Another defendant pleaded guilty, but said he had a letter from the chairman of the exemption board testifying to his being medically unfit. He was ordered to pay the costs of the summons, fifty cents.

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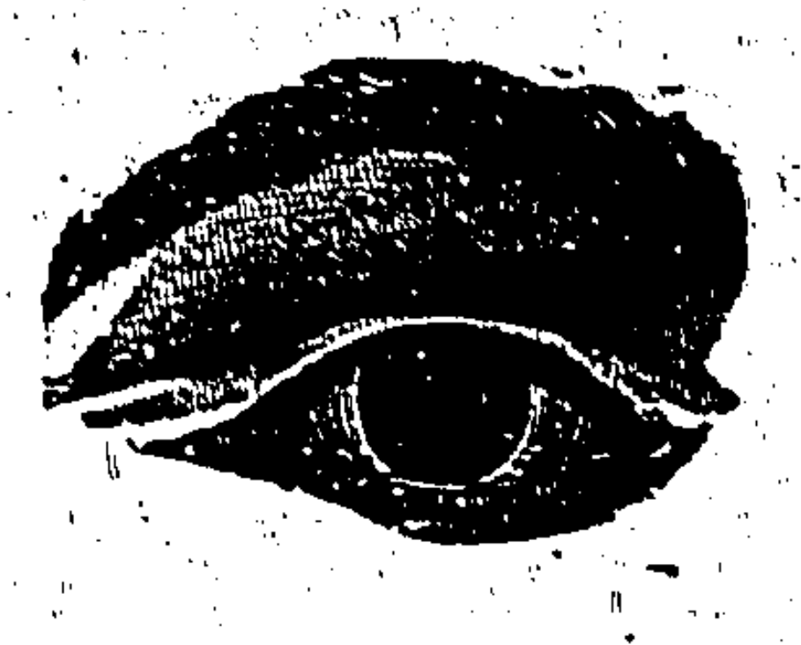

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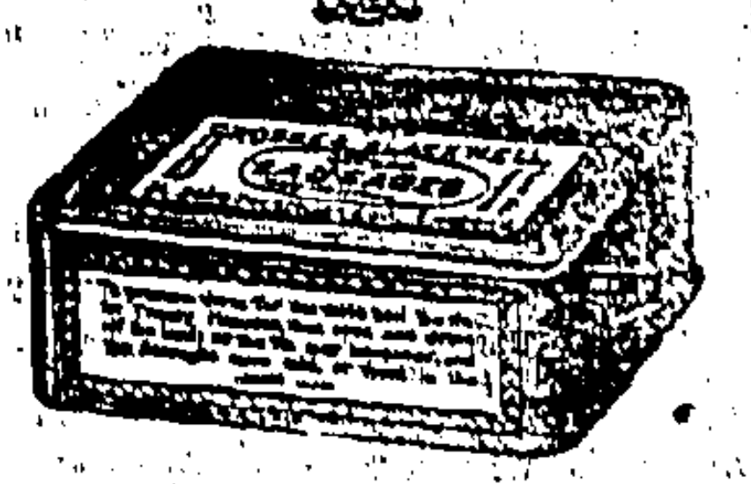

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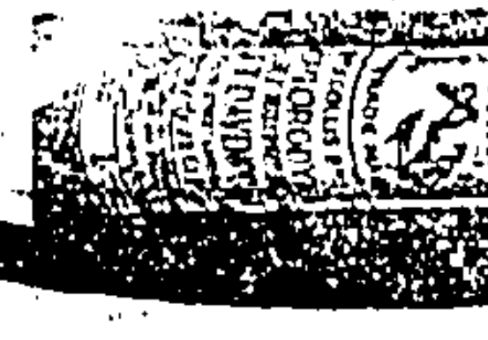

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SCHOOL SPORTS.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

The Jockey Club ground at Happy Valley was the scene of the Annual Sports meeting of St. Stephen's College yesterday afternoon. The attendance was good and the management of Mr. F. A. Britton and his Committee are to be congratulated upon the very enjoyable afternoon's entertainment provided by their efforts. The band of the 74th Punjabis provided the music, and Mrs. Ma Wing Chan distributed the prizes. Mr. Britton, in thanking Mrs. Ma Wing Chan, announced also, that the "Old Boys", had presented a Cup which was to be the permanent property of the College. It would be inscribed with the names of the Champions at each sports meeting. The first name to be inscribed was that of Tsoi Hak Hon, the Champion for 1917. After the distribution, Mrs. Ma Wing Chan was presented with a bouquet of flowers and three cheers were given, and the proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE PEAK SCHOOL SPORTS.

The annual sports meeting of the Peak School were held yesterday in the grounds at "Tanderagee," kindly lent by the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G. Parents and friends of the pupils made up a large gathering, which thoroughly enjoyed the keen competition and enthusiasm of the little competitors. The numerous heats necessitated by the large number of entries for each event, carried the proceedings to well on in the afternoon. At the end of the programme there was a race for visitors when some of the grown-ups showed the little ones how races should be run. Other events causing much amusement such as hat trimming and humming competitions were included in the programme, and altogether a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon was spent. Miss May, who distributed the prizes, was thanked by the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, and Mr. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools, in turn, thanked the Colonial Secretary for his kindness in placing his grounds at the disposal of the School.

The following were the Officials:—Judge, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.; handicapper, Mr. E. Ralphs; clerk of course, Mr. W. Kay; starter, Mr. L. Foster. The Committee was composed of the following:—Mrs. Main (headmistress), Miss Skinner, Miss M. Rodgers and Miss D. Rodgers. Thanks are also due to the following, who kindly presented prizes or contributed to the prize fund:—Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Carpmael, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Scott Harston, Mrs. Lander, Mrs. Looker, Mrs. Messer, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Ormiston, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Tisdall and "anonymous."

The results were as follows:—

100 Yards Championship, Boys:—1, D. Chapman; 2, J. Churchill.

100 Yards Championship, Girls:—1, A. Miller; 2, G. Stedman.

80 Yards Handicap, Girls:—1, J. Looker; 2, L. Morton; Boys.—1, J. Miller; 2, B. Humphreys.

60 Yards Handicap, Boys:—1, H. Messer. Girls.—1, S. Comrie.

Long Jump, "A" Class:—1, J. Churchill; 2, G. Stedman.

Long Jump, "B" Class:—1, J. Miller; 2, S. Tisdall.

Long Jump, "C" Class:—1, G. Chatham; 2, B. Churchill.

High Jump, "A" Class, Girls:—1, A. Miller; 2, G. Stedman. Boys.—1, T. Churchill; 2, J. Churchill.

High Jump, "B" Class:—1, J. Miller.

High Jump, "C" Class:—1, G. Chatham; 2, A. Pearce.

French Skipping Race:—1, S. Tisdall; 2, A. Miller.

Running Skipping Race:—E. Scott Harston and A. Morton, dead heat.

Potato Race, "A" Class:—1, B. Dunbar; 2, F. Scott Harston. "B" class—1, A. Pearce; 2, J. Looker. "C" class.—1, S. Comrie; 2, G. Chatham.

Three-Legged Race, "A" Class:—1, A. Miller and J. Looker. "B" Class.—1, R. Armstrong and B. Humphreys.

Humming Competition:—1, H. Butterfield and A. Miller; 2, S. Tisdall and T. Churchill.

Hat Trimming Competition:—1, J. Looker and J. Lander; 2, A. Ormiston and J. Messer.

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A GALLIC VIEW OF BRITAIN.

A French writer who has recently visited different portions of the British lines in France, and a number of centres of Great Britain, makes the following interesting statement:—

"Our British Allies are in many respects a singular and remarkable people. Like ourselves, they have their failings. In many ways, their qualities and ours are complementary. The Americans say of them in the commercial slang of the day, that they are the worst window-dressers in the world. I think it not unlikely. But I think this characteristic is quite possibly misunderstood by Americans, and others. It may be due, not to any lack of capacity on the part of the British, but to a temperamental dislike of window-dressing. This dislike may possibly be a foolish prejudice. The English have a number of prejudices which, foolish or not, are extraordinarily strong. It may be that their failings and weaknesses—like this prejudice against window-dressing—are little matters; and that their virtues, like their powers of endurance and their reserve strength, are great. I incline to think so.

They have the habit of self-depreciation in a superlative degree. Gross thinkers, like the Germans, are extraordinarily misled by this, in their judgment of the British. Even to-day I do not think the Boches have any real conception of the powers of the British. As students of character, I would place the Boches on a far lower level than any other people in Europe. Their density is almost incredible. In their estimates of the British they have been absolutely and completely deceived: deceived to an extent which is not less than ludicrous; by two factors; the honesty of the British, and their habit of self-depreciation. Consistent, uniform and transparent honesty is, of course, very puzzling and confusing to Germans. That one can understand. Their standards of comparison are always German; they always have judged all men by themselves: and so they are for ever peering into and around British honesty in quest of some Machiavellian motive which is never there. Having no knowledge of honesty themselves, they do not recognise it when they see it, and think it must be something else. As for the habit of self-depreciation, that is literally inconceivable to their characteristic arrogance, their inborn national habit of brag and bluster; so they accept it at its face value as a tragical confession of weakness. It is rather humorous.

At this present moment I should suppose that the British people are accomplishing greater and more wonderful things than they or any other nation ever has accomplished before. The sum total of their output of offensive and defensive energy is stupendous. All over the world, on the sea and on land, their strength speaks as no one people's strength ever spoke before; and is evidence of a reserve of wealth and force, of material and spiritual power, which it would hardly be possible to describe with exaggeration. And all the time, her people and her Press remain gently, sub-humorously self-depreciatory. They are indeed a remarkable people.

Here, in their own country, it is not at all safe to judge of England or the English by London. London is misleading. It is a wonderful, and in some ways rather dreadful city to the vastness and the continuous growth of which there would seem to be no end. It is the clearing house of the British world: and the British world, more than ever to-day extends over every quarter of the globe. You cannot walk a hundred yards in London or enter an hotel or restaurant or public place of any kind, without meeting men, mostly soldiers, from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, India and from scores of lesser places in which this extraordinary race have become dominant. They come to London for their recreation, for their permission, as we say; to meet friends and relatives, and to give attention to business interests outside the war. But the main business of their lives, the central preoccupation is undoubtedly the war itself, and their particular part in it. There would be very little hope left in Germany to-day if the people there but understood just one of the many things they have utterly failed to understand—one of the things their leaders take very good care they shall not understand: the spirit and attitude of the people of the world-wide British Empire. It is my conviction, after what I have seen this year that if these people stood absolutely alone it would be quite impossible for Germany to crush them in twenty years. They lack much; they have many failings and no subtlety; but in the fibre of their being there is a certain vein of toughness, a certain spirit of invincibility, which I think could never be overcome by the machine-made efficiency of the German people. By comparison, the Germans are hollow cylinders; cleverly turned, well-moulded, efficient and . . . empty. Also, they are hopeless vulgarians and parvenus. These British people, however notably they may lack subtlety and polish, have a splendid tradition of strength and endurance behind them; the blood of the rover, the fighter, the explorer, the adventurer runs red in their veins, and has never been watered down by the machinery of the State, or by educational machinery.

This wonderful London is not England. It is not even typical of England. The English provinces at the moment are in two divisions: camps and factories. The camps produce technically expert soldiers, equipped in all the death-dealing methods which this war has developed. The rest of England and Scotland and Wales is producing munitions of war, upon a scale the most enormous that the world has ever known. 'Munitions of war' is a large term in England to-day. It includes every variety of ship for use in the air, on the sea, and under the sea; every kind of weapon and contrivance known to modern warfare; not to mention, perhaps, some as yet unknown; every kind of food provision, supply, equipment, clothing and the like; and money. It is amazing, the scale upon which this island of the British is producing the billions of silver and gold; the way in which she is paying, paying, paying, in every corner of the globe. Here again, the reserve strength of this people is stupendous; inexhaustible.

And they do it all with the air of the promenade, so to say; and with incessant, grimly humorous self-depreciation. The pipe remains in the mouth; the cherished expression of phlegmatic calm is sublimely unaltered. Their haste is ponderous but unceasing; their method leisurely but unfaltering. They will approach the ultimate and certain victory, as for long years they faced the German menace, with one hand in the pocket, the other holding the pipe. Truly, a most extraordinary people, and, I think, invincible.

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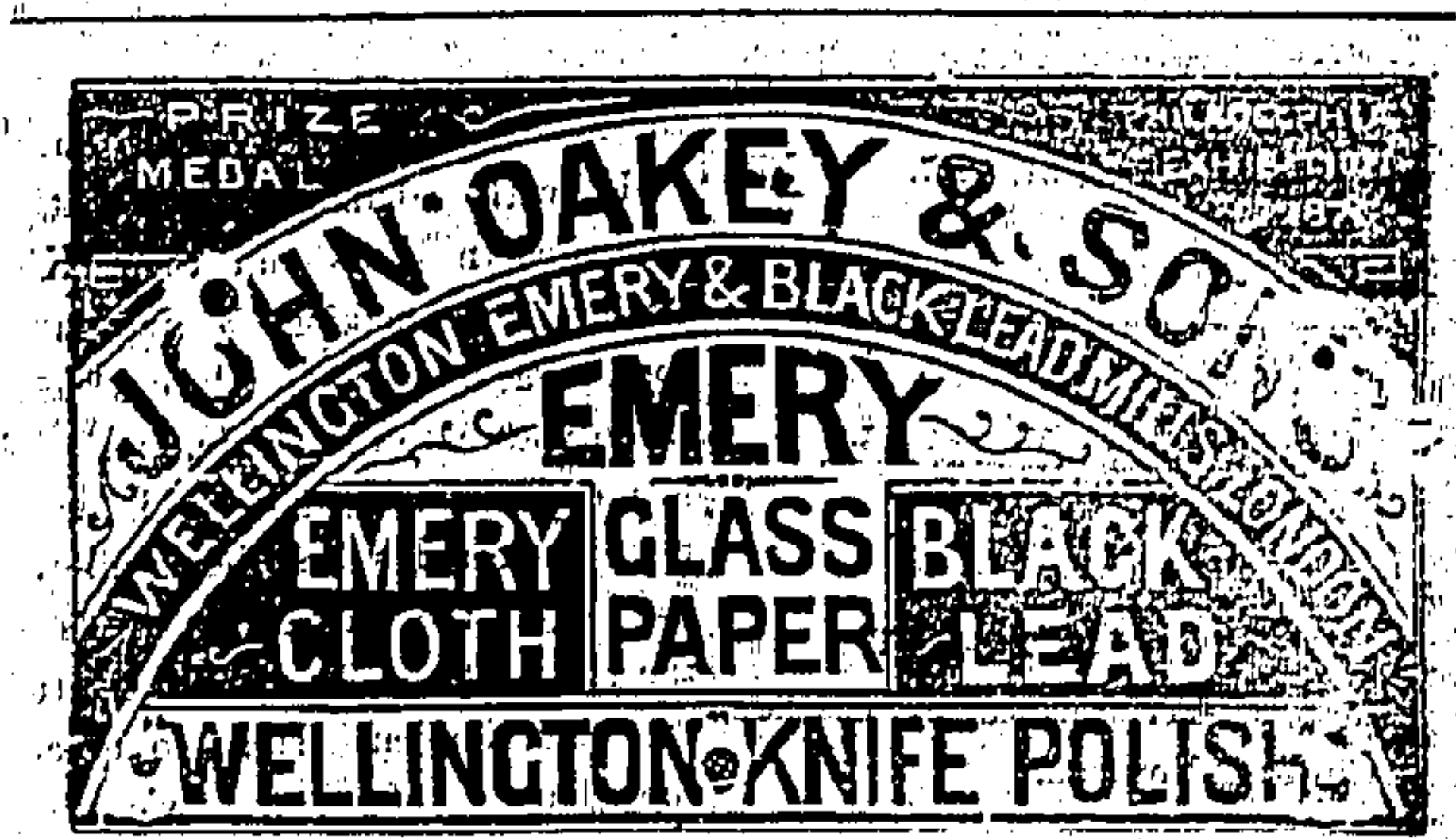

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Mrs.—will be much obliged by Messrs. WATSON sending to her by post 10 bottles of their "Cold Cure." She will be glad to have these as soon as possible as she is to-day sending her last bottle to her son (Capt. . . . . of the Buffs) who is at the front and finds the Tabloids excellent for stopping Cold."

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To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAM GEGG has This Day been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.
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Hongkong, March 31, 1917. 1630

"CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT 7% SILVER LOAN OF" 1886 E.

61ST HALF YEARLY AND FINAL DRAWING.

INTEREST DUE and DRAWN BONDS of this LOAN will be Payable at the Offices of the Corporation on and after the 31st March, 1917.
List of drawn bonds can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
Agents issuing the Loan.
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 31, 1917. 1632

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.
APRIL 23RD, 1917.
"SCENES FROM SHAKESPEARE,"
THEATRE ROYAL,
AT 9.15 P.M.
AUCTION
of
Seats in Centre of Dress Circle,
by
H. P. WHITE, Esq.
SMOKING ROOM,
HONGKONG HOTEL,
NOON on WEDNESDAY, April 4th
All are invited to attend.
Hongkong, March 31, 1917. 1631

THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY

9.15 p.m.—Performance by Clarke's Cirque at Kowloon.

MEMO FOR TO-MORROW.

Palm Sunday.

MEMO. FOR MONDAY.

Noon.—Auction of the S. L. "Ying Ling" at Sham Shui Po.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, April 3 :—
- 2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. at "Clovelly," No. 12, Peak Road.
- 4 p.m.—Sanitary Board Election.

WEDNESDAY, April 4 :—
- 2.30 p.m.—Auction of one set of Bag Pipes at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

THURSDAY, April 5 :—
- Maundy Thursday.

FRIDAY, April 6 :—
- Good Friday :—General Holiday.

SATURDAY, April 7 :—
- General Holiday.
- Open Rifle Championship Meeting.
- 8.49 p.m.—Full moon.

SUNDAY, April 8 :—
- Easter Day.
- King of the Belgians born (1875).

MONDAY, April 9 :—
- Easter Monday :—General Holiday.

WEDNESDAY, April 11 :—
- Entries close for Gymkhana on April 21st.

VISITING CARDS
PRINTED AT
"China Mail" Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, March 31, 1917.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

IT is of interest to note that the German Chancellor is "confident that the old friendship of Germany with China will revive after the war," and also that "Germany will recover her trade with China." If that be so it will be a greatly changed Germany after the war. We cannot doubt that the fact that China should have dared to sever diplomatic relations with Germany must be regarded by the German Government as an absolutely unforgiveable incident of the war. But one cannot help contrasting the tone of the Chancellor's utterance to-day with the KAISER'S instructions to his troops when "the mailed fist" was sent to China in 1900. The Chinese have not forgotten that the KAISER then told his troops: "When you come into touch with the enemy, give no quarter, make no prisoners. A thousand years ago the Huns, under their King, Attila, made themselves a name which still lives in tradition. Do you likewise strike home, so that for a thousand years to come no Chinaman may ever again dare to look askance at a German." That is not yet twenty years ago, and the Chinese to-day are daring to look askance at the Germans, and with abundant justification. The modern Huns and their King Attila are making a reputation for savagery which throws their prototypes into the shade, and there is no likelihood of the world, for the next thousand years, being allowed to forget the barbarous deeds of the Huns of the Twentieth Century and their impious claims to placing the laurels of their "victories," upon "the altar of the Almighty" from whose "bosom" they claim to derive new strength and perseverance. It is an atrocious pretension when we review the long and unforgettable catalogue of crimes of a class which the late Lord KITCHENER was moved to describe as "outvying the barbarous savagery of the Dervishes." There is a remarkable significance, not unremarked in European comments, in the fact of China—one of the oldest civilisations of the world—joining the Grand Alliance of Civilisations in a united protest and crusade against German terrorism. The German Minister at Peking in his farewell message to his nationals wrote in much the same strain as the *Chancellor* has spoken in the Reichstag. "We are anticipating," he wrote, "without anger or hatred, but with happy foresight, the day that will come later on." What it is exactly that the German Minister is anticipating, these words carefully conceal, but there is no doubt in most people's minds that "the day that is coming later on" is one of bitter sorrow and disappointment for the German people, and that for a long period after the termination of the war they will continue to survey the world "from China to Peru" without finding a country where they will not be regarded with the deepest distrust and suspicion.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The latest news regarding the R.V. s.s. *Poltava* is that she is in a precarious condition and will probably have to be abandoned.

Arming against pirates of all sorts, the Tairen harbour police have mounted a quick-firing gun on the motor boat Chefu Maru and have done some successful shooting at a miniature floating target.

The Yangtsze Insurance Association Ld., has decided to donate £1,000 to the Sailors' War Orphans' Fund. The company will also pay 25 per cent. dividend out of 1915 working account, while a special dividend of five per cent. is to be paid from interest earned in 1916.

At Shanghai Messrs. Wragge and Reynolds (Asiatic Petroleum Co.) defeated Drs. Hanwell and Neild by 5 and 4 in the final of the Hong Foursomes golf competition at Kiangwan on Sunday last. The Shanghai Golf Club beat the Junior Golf Club by 11 points to 7; 6 to 5 in the singles and 5 to 2 in the doubles.

We learn from Northern papers that the accident to Vice-President Feng Kuo-chang, reported in a recent issue of the *China Mail*, is not so serious as was at first anticipated. The doctors who were summoned from Shanghai found that he was suffering principally from shock, and he is now very much better.

Revolution is very much in the air just now, says the *Shanghai Mercury*. Following on the world startling news from Russia, the local Germans are said to have had a private wire from Paris announcing similar happenings in the French capital—and it is said they celebrated the victory in proper Hun style at the Club Concordia. Japanese information has it that Germany is in revolt, in which event it would be the preferring of the lesser evil to that which otherwise awaits.

A notification in the *Government Gazette* states:—The Treasurer's attention has been directed to the fact that the provisions of the Stamp Ordinance 1901, as to affixing and cancelling stamps on receipts for money are evaded by many residents and that Honorary Officials of local Societies are habitual offenders. This notice is therefore issued so that parties concerned may take warning and they are reminded that a penalty of $100, for non-compliance may be inflicted in each case.

In an article contributed to the *Peking Gazette* on the subject of a new plague serum, the result of brilliant work by a bacteriologist in China, it is stated that "the experiments which have been conducted for the last six months by Dr. F. Eberson, bacteriologist of the Manchurian Plague Prevention Service, in the Naval Medical College in Tientsin, have yielded results which bid fair to offer a new and effective means of combatting the pest."

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Hon. Secretary, War Charities Committee, informs us that one case of tobacco cuttings from the La Insular Cigar Factory, a Spanish Firm in Manila, and 1 case of 194 packages of smoking tobacco from the Philippine Co., Ltd. (who have already sent 40,000 cigars) have been received by the War Charities Committee: and are being forwarded in due course to the Committee's London representatives for distribution among the wounded in Hospital.

The "Saigon Opinion" says that though the cost of rice has gone up enormously in Hongkong and the other markets supplied from Saigon, the paddy cultivator has not benefitted at all. The Chinese rice-millers form a combine, and the seller of paddy is in their hands. Moreover a large proportion of the cultivators are financed by the rice mills or by the chetties, and are so financed that they cannot carry on without getting into debt. The opinion is expressed that only competition will bring the price of paddy into proper relation with the price of rice in foreign markets.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

		3.30 p.m.
Banks	$ 685	buyers
Cantons	375	buyers
Unions	900	buyers
Indos Def.	127½	buyers
China Sugars	114	buyers
Hongkong Wharves	80	buyers
Docks	121	buyers
Cements	8.30	buyers
H'kong Tramways	5.20	b. & sa.
Shanghai Docks Tls.	96	buyers
Yangtszepoos	6	buyers
Langkats	16½	buyers

THE MAGISTRACY.

A $2000 FINE.

A Chinese charged with the unlawful possession of 28 taels of prepared opium other than Government opium was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

It was stated that whilst the defendant was leaving the s.s. *Sui Tai* at the Wing Lok Wharf, his baggage was searched and the contraband drug discovered in his possession.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of $2,000, with the alternative of six months' hard labour and ordered that the opium be confiscated.

SAVINGS INVESTED IN GOLD LEAF.

A Chinese woman charged with attempting to export a quantity of gold leaf valued at $400, was charged before Mr. Wood this morning.

The defendant pleaded ignorance of the laws of the Colony, stating that for the past nine years she had been employed as an amah in Singapore. Before returning she had purchased the gold leaf, which represented her entire savings.

His Worship ordered that the defendant be sent to see Mr. R. O. Hutchison, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, and adjourned the case until next Monday morning.

LARCENY FROM TAIKOO DOCKYARD.

Mr. Melbourne this morning sentenced a coolie to seven days' hard labour on the charge of stealing two pounds of lead and a pound of brass from the Taikoo Dockyard.

POSSESSION OF LOTTERY TICKETS.

Before Mr. Melbourne this morning a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of 11,749 San Piu lottery tickets.

Evidence was heard and the defendant was fined $500, or in default of payment sentenced to three month's, hard labour.

THEFT OF A TIN OF JAM.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, Miss M. Goggin, Manageress of the Diocesan School, charged a Chinese woman with stealing a tin of jam from the stores of the School.

A district watchman deposed that he saw the defendant coming out of the School gate carrying the tin of jam and asked her how it came into her possession. She replied that she bought it from a "boy" employed in the School. He then accompanied her into the School, but the "boy" who was alleged to have sold her the jam was not to be found.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge but after hearing the evidence in the case, His Worship imposed a sentence of 14 days' hard labour.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. G. W. Gegg has been admitted a partner of the firm of Messrs. Hughes & Hough.

Mr. W. J. Carrie, cadet, passed his final examination in Cantonese on the 1st March, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Macphail has been appointed Honorary Secretary to the St. Andrew's Society at Shanghai.

The Portuguese Staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, have presented to Mr. L. N. Murphy, the acting Sub-Accountant, on the occasion of his departure for the front, a Prismatic Field Compass and a beautiful address, as a token of esteem and respect and appreciation of his good offices.

Superintendent, anxiously, to dispenser who has been attending to coolie who has taken poison: "Well, how is he getting on?"

Dispenser: "He's all right sir. I gave him an anecdote."

A LIFE SAVER.

IT is safe to say that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has saved the lives of more people and relieved more suffering than any other remedy in existence. It is known all over the civilised world for its speedy cures of cramps in the stomach, diarrhoea and all intestinal pains. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

ARMED ROBBERY AT MACAO.

A GAMBLING HOUSE ROBBED OF $13,000.

An armed raid on a Macao gambling house is reported to have been made during the early hours of yesterday morning. It is stated that a gambling house, known as the Wai Wo, situated on the Praya at Macao, just opposite the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's wharf, was held up by a gang of armed robbers, a number of whom entered the house in the guise of ordinary gamblers. At a given signal, 14 of the robbers presented loaded revolvers and automatic pistols at a croupier and his staff who were so intimidated, that they were compelled to open the money-box, from which the robbers took about $13,000 in cash and then made good their escape. So far no arrests have been made.

NEW POST OFFICE FEES.

The following Regulations have been made by the Governor under Section 11 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1900, (Ordinance No. 6 of 1900):—

With effect from the 2nd day of April, 1917, the following fees will be charged by the Post Office Department, namely:—

For the interception of correspondence directed to an addressee residing within the delivery limits of any of the British Post Office Agencies in China, Fee $1 per mail.

For a Warrant for the return of correspondence, Fee $1.

For search for posted correspondence or parcel, Fee 10 cents for each article.

For demurrage on parcels:—

Any parcel remaining unclaimed for a period of twenty-one days (exclusive of Sundays and Holidays) shall be liable to a demurrage charge of 5 cents per diem for each day beyond such 21 days. The demurrage chargeable on any one parcel shall not exceed $1. No demurrage shall be charged on parcels addressed to persons on board ship.

The above fees shall be payable in Postage Stamps.

PASSPORTS.

The following notice appears in to-day's gazette:—

In view of the restrictions on travel, which have come into being since the commencement of the war, it is suggested that travellers should, if only for the sake of their own comfort and convenience, take adequate steps to ensure that their passports are entirely in order.

As a general rule passports should not be more than two years old, unless the period of the passport has been duly extended by a competent authority.

When a passport is to be used for a journey other than that for which it was originally issued, a visa describing the intended journey must be obtained from the proper Passport Authority.

It is advisable, when a traveller proposes to proceed from his country of origin to a foreign country, that he should apply for a visa of his passport to the Consular Authority of such foreign country at the port of departure.

When a traveller is in any doubt as to the validity of his passport for the purposes of a particular journey, he would be well-advised to consult the nearest available Consular or other Authority charged with the issue and control of passports.

"GAZETTE" ANNOUNCEMENT.

The King's Exequatur empowering Señor Don José Taronji y Espanol to act as Consul for Spain at Bombay with jurisdiction in the British Colonies in Asia has received His Majesty's signature.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Major Henry Arthur Morgan, 18th Infantry, to be Inspecting Officer of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps and of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve, with effect from the 24th March, 1917.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Dr. W. J. Woodman to act as Medical Officer of Health, Sanitary Superintendent, and Superintendent of Statistics, in addition to his other duties, during the absence of Dr. W. W. Pearse, or until further notice, with effect from the 24th March, 1917.

His Excellency the Governor has declared Mr. C. G. Alabaster to be duly elected a Member of the Sanitary Board for a term of three years with effect from this date, *vice* Mr. P. W. Goldring resigned.

TROUBLE AVERTED.

THAT little cold and sore throat of yours must be checked at once or it may develop into something worse. Take a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and your troubles will soon vanish. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CLAIM AGAINST AN ARCHITECT.

(*To the Editor of the* "CHINA MAIL.")

SIR,—I should be obliged if you would be good enough to insert the following in the columns of your valuable paper.

With reference to the Summary Court action recently taken out against me, I wish it to be distinctly understood that all matters in connection with the works referred to in that action were arranged between the plaintiff and the accountant in my office, and I had no knowledge of any commission being requested or allowed. Had I known that anything of the kind was going on, the party so doing would have been instantly dismissed. It would be absolutely injurious from a business point of view to take commission from a contractor. The above also applies to the alleged borrowing of money. I would add that on two occasions only did I personally interview the plaintiff, the first occasion being on the signing of the original contract and the second when the account for piling was presented and payment made (after deductions) by the owner to me and handed by me in his presence to my accountant to be given to plaintiff. I may also state that my accountant was a month ago dismissed from my office.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
W. L. WEASER.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

Scenes from Shakespeare will be given at the Theatre Royal on Monday April 23rd at 9.15 p.m., which is also Shakespeare's birthday. The items to be presented in costume and on a draped stage will comprise the following:—

Jester's Prologue.	(Henry VIII)
Twelfth Night.	(Kitchen Scene)
Hamlet.	(Platform Scenes)
Midsummer Night's Dream.	(Ballet)
King John.	(Hubert and Arthur)
As You Like it.	(Jaques' Soliloquy)
Merry Wives of Windsor.	(Basket Scene)
Henry V.	(Before Harfleur)

There will be a tableau of the Banner of St. George (with Vision of St. George), and The Epilogue from Sir Elgar's "Banner of St. George" and other choral items will be given under the supervision of Mr. Denman Fuller, by a chorus of 100 voices. The Band of the 74th Punajabis will be in attendance under Bandmaster J. W. Christian.

PAUL DUFAULT CONCERTS NEXT WEEK.

The announcement that the French-Canadian tenor, Mr. Paul Dufault, is to be heard in Hongkong next week, naturally creates widespread interest in musical circles. In Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand Mr. Dufault enjoys a reputation as the finest concert tenor of the day. His rise to eminence as a singer has been romantic. In his youthful days he was a leading soprano in Canadian Cathedrals, and when his voice broke at the age of fourteen his heart was already set on singing as a profession. But training was expensive, and he had to earn himself the funds necessary for training under the best masters. He learnt dentistry and in course of time set up in practice in the United States, at Boston. It was not till he reached the age of thirty that he found himself in possession of sufficient funds to enable him to undergo the training that he recognised to be essential. He trained for four years under the best masters, notably M. Victor Maurel, the great French baritone who is now a well-known voice expert in New York. His success was immediate when he first entered upon his new career nine years ago. He laid the foundations of of his fame in Canada, then he toured America and later Australia, where he toured with the famous Mme Nordica. Mr. Dufault has toured in Australia twice since.

Dufault seems to be one of those rare singers whose appeal is universal and his realisation of the value of personality appears to have counted for much in his notably successful career. The *Sunday Times* of Sydney (Australia) comments thus:—"Paul Dufault is a great interpretative singer. Every word is audible and every word tells. People who care nothing at all about music, and people who merely pretend to care, love Paul Dufault for his human qualities, his power to interest and thrill."

Mr. Dufault and his concert party are en route to America, and as their time is limited, owing to a previously arranged American tour, only three concerts can be given in Hongkong. These will take place at the Theatre Royal on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights of next week. The booking is now open at Moutrie's.

CHINA AND THE WAR.

LIANG CHI-CHAO PRESSING FOR DECLARATION.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking gives the following summary of Liang Chi-chao's Memorandum to the Commission on Diplomatic Questions, which advocates an immediate declaration of war against Germany:—

He says that the position of China cannot be compared to that of America because actual warfare will follow a declaration of war by America and therefore preparations must be made before the step is taken. On the other hand, China will not actually participate in the hostilities and therefore it is not necessary for her to wait. Moreover, the situation in America is not endangered by the existence of German Concessions and extraterritoriality, whereas it is impossible for China to take steps to safeguard the country against the Germans unless the old Treaties are cancelled; and so long as German Consular jurisdiction remains, China will meet with difficulties everywhere and whenever the Germans must be dealt with.

The hostile feeling in Germany will not be lessened if China refrains from declaring war and "therefore we are under obligation to choose the course which is advantageous to us. This is not reluctant yielding to the request of the Entente, but the course we must take in the present situation. The presumptuous manner in which Germany replied to China's protest and the deliberate hostility shown to China's advice by Germany reiterating her determination to carry on ruthless submarine warfare, besides being reasons for a diplomatic rupture, are reasons for declaring war. Furthermore, the peace of the Far East was broken by Germany's occupation of Kiaochou. Some say that China should not declare war till we come to a definite understanding with the Entente regarding certain terms. This is a wrong conception of things. We declare war because we want to fight for humanity and international law against the national enemy."

With regard to Austria, Liang Chi-chao advocates that the Austrian Government be called on to abandon its submarine policy and that it be allowed 24 hours to decide. If Austria refuses, war should be immediately declared against both Austria and Germany.

CHINA AND THE GERMANS.

The Tientsin correspondent to the "Peking Gazette," writing on the taking over of the German Concession, says:—The leading German civilians, headed by the Bank manager and Herrn Heinemann, von Hanneken, Sommer and others are dismayed at the course affairs have taken and are holding daily consultations as to what is best to be done under the circumstances. They are naturally frightened at the idea that China may now join the Allies and declare war against Germany. As it is, several of the leading compradores and Chinese employes have quit German service as also a lot of the household servants.

The "Shanghai Mercury" of the 24th inst., states:—We announced yesterday that the Dutch flag is no longer displayed at the German Consulate, and the same can now be said as regards that country's flag at the German Post Office. A Chinese Government notice has been issued to-day to the effect that all German subjects are required to register within the next three days. We understand that the members of the German Company and the German Reserve Company, S.V.C., have already started to hand in their arms, ammunition and uniform to the Orderly Room."

T.K.K.'S PROFITS.

The board of directors of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha announced after a prolonged conference on March 19 that the final decision had been reached concerning the disposition of the company's profits for the latter half of 1916. The summary of the plan of disposing of the net earnings follows:—

Net profit for the term, Y.3,173,682; balance brought over Y.76,417, total, Y.3,250,099; less reserve, Y.160,000; ordinary dividend at 12 per cent. Y.877,500; special dividend at 8 per cent. Y.585,000; special funds for redemption of the cost of shipbuilding Y.1,000,000; dividend equalization fund, Y.500,000; employees' pensions, Y.50,000, balance carried forward, Y.77,599.

ALIEN LAND-OWNERSHIP IN PERAK.

JAPANESE AGITATION.

A Singapore dispatch to the *Asahi* states that with regard to the suspension of land-ownership by aliens in Perak Mr Yamazaki, Japanese Consul at Singapore, had an interview with Mr James, Chief of the Colonial Department, when it was ascertained that the measure in question was issued by Mr. Watson, who is stationed in Perak.

The following day the Japanese Consul had an interview with Sir A. H. Young, Governor of the Straits Settlements and the executive head of the Federated Malay States. According to Sir Arthur, Mr Watson obtained the approval of the Colonial Secretary in London for the measure.

Subsequently members of the Colonial Association formed by Japanese residents in the Malay States held a meeting, at which the Japanese Consul, Mr Yamazaki, gave particulars of the interviews he had had with the British officials on the matter.

The meeting passed a resolution urging that efforts be made to secure a reversal of the new order.—*Japan Chronicle.*

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

THE WESTERN FRONT.

THE BRITISH ADVANCE.

A TEMPORARY SLACKENING OF THE PACE.

LONDON, March 30.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters in France telegraphing to-day states that owing to the necessity for caution and for consolidating our gains and also on account of the abominable weather, the pace has distinctly slackened during the last two days. Our infantry is now in contact with the new German front all the way from Arras to six miles south-west of St. Quentin. The Germans show many signs of nervousness and they violently bombarded the northern part of the new line yesterday afternoon, but the tremendous concentration of our counter-battery fire silenced them.

CALM ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, March 29.

A French communique resports:—Between the Somme and the Oise the day was comparatively quiet. There was an active artillery duel on the Margival sector and at Maisons-de-Champagne, Hill 304 and Embermeuil, in the region of Lorraine.

There has been reciprocal artillery activity at Monastir.

LATER.

LONDON, March 30.

A French communiqué states:

There is nothing to report except lively hand grenade action on the Maisons de Champagne sector.

A GERMAN SPY'S OCCUPATION IN BRITISH LINES.

LONDON, March 30.

A German spy was caught in the British lines with microbes for spreading disease among horses.

THE MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

LONDON, March 30.

The Military Service Bill passed through the second stage by 175 votes to 18.

Mr. Bonar Law promised that men discharged with a gratuity but without a pension on the grounds that illness had not been occasioned or aggravated by service should be enabled to appeal to a special tribunal.

THE CALLING UP OF DISCHARGED MEN.

A PARAMOUNT NECESSITY.

LONDON, March 30.

During the committee stage of the Medical Re-Examination Bill, Mr. Forster, replying to objections made to the calling up of discharged men, said that only paramount necessity would induce the Government to make the proposal.

A RUSSIAN ATTACK.

WITH ASPHYXIATING GAS AND CHEMICAL SHELLS.

LONDON, March 30.

A Russian official message, transmitted by wireless, reports:—

We attacked with asphyxiating gas to the south-east of Baranovitch, our artillery simultaneously bombarding with chemical shells. A counter-attack dislodged the enemy from our trenches at Odynsky canal.

SITUATION MOST SATISFACTORY.

PETROGRAD, March 30.

M. Rodzianko has informed the Duma that the situation on the Russian front is most satisfactory. Owing to the thaw, no decisive operation can be expected at present; but the enemy are concentrating forces at various points.

THE SITUATION IN SPAIN.

MADRID, March 30.

The appeal to the people, cabled yesterday, referred to a labour party manifesto calling a general strike at the first opportune moment as a protest against high prices.

The Government has closed the labour headquarters.

A STORY OF THE "MOEWE."

A FIGHT WITH THE RAIDER.

COPENHAGEN, March 29.

A vivid story of the stout resistance that the British steamer *Otaki* offered, when attacked by the *Moewe* on March 10th, is told by the released neutral members of the crew who have arrived from Berlin.

They state that a regular engagement was fought. The *Moewe* was hit by seven shells, one of which stuck her two feet below the saloon, where a number of neutral prisoners had congregated, killing two German soldiers. The *Moewe* caught fire which took three days to extinguish. Ultimately the *Otaki* surrendered and the crew went aboard the *Moewe*. The *Otaki's* Captain, First Officer and the Chief Engineer and also two of the crew were killed, and six of the *Moewe's* crew and two Hindu prisoners were also killed.

During the fight the British prisoners who were already on board the *Moewe* forced the iron doors of their quarters, but German soldiers armed with hand grenades prevented them from reaching the deck.

The *Moewe* on one occasion was cruising outside Cape Town and on another outside Rio de Janeiro. She turned homewards via Newfoundland and the north Atlantic when her coal was getting short.

The British prisoners were under strict surveillance and were isolated from the others. The *Moewe* carried four big guns, and had five torpedo tubes. She was fitted with high masts which were removable, and dummy funnels, which could be unshipped. She was repeatedly repainted different colours. She also had a sham steering wheel. At night-time the mast and sails were set and she proceeded at full speed; in the day-time she steamed slowly.

The *Moewe* passed Elsinore on March 23 and entered The Sound. On her arrival at Kiel, the British officer prisoners were sent to Karlsruhe and the men to Westphalia.

TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING.

LONDON, March 29.

The British steamer *Alnwick Castle* was torpedoed without warning on March 19, in the Atlantic, twenty-three miles from land. The day previously she had rescued the crew of another torpedoed British ship. The passengers and crew of both vessels abandoned the *Alnwick Castle* in five boats one of which landed on the Spanish coast with 29 people, including one of the stewardesses and one child. Eight of them died. The survivors were suffering from frostbite. Three of the other boats were picked up during the week, one contained twenty-seven people, another 29 and a third 20 and five corpses. The remaining boat has not yet been accounted for.

SUBMARINE CREW ON THEIR COMMANDER'S INHUMANITY.

ENGRAVED ON THE MIND "IN LETTERS OF BLOOD."

LONDON, March 30.

Survivors from the German submarine *U39*, which was recently sunk in the North Sea, state that on February 2nd, the submarine fired on the Norwegian steamer *Ida*. The *Ida* immediately stopped and the submarine's gunlayer asked for permission to cease fire, but was ordered to continue until he had fired 25 rounds. Then three men from the submarine rowed to the *Ida* and found the mate and the steward dead on the deck, having been killed while lowering a boat. The *Ida* was then sunk by bombs.

The inhumanity of the outrage appears to have impressed even the men on the submarine, one of whom wrote to his parents declaring that the sight of the poor dead Norwegians would be engraved on his memory in letters of blood.

SUBMARINISM AND BRITISH SHIPPING.

LONDON, March 30.

Mr. Macnamara states that the British ships submarined and mined during the first 18 days of December, January, February and March respectively, were 30, 26, 30 and [illegible], not including fishing craft and the victims of the *Moewe*.

THE NEW REGIME IN RUSSIA.

THE SUPPORT OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.

PETROGRAD, March 29.

M. Tcheidze's speech was the occasion for a great demonstration by soldiers who marched to the Duma carrying banners inscribed "Hurrah for the Republic: War to a finish! Down with William" etc.

After M. Tcheidze's speech, M. Rodzianko addressed the troops promising to defer to all decisions of the Constituent Assembly, including the distribution of estates to the people of they so desired.

The troops were most enthusiastic and carried M. Rodzianko on their shoulders into the Duma.

The ex-Premier Golitzin and M. Goremkin have been released.

PETROGRAD, March 29.

A deputation from the Black Sea troops and the Fleet have arrived and promise their support to the Government.

BRITISH AND FRENCH LABOUR DEPUTATIONS.

LONDON, March 30.

A deputation of British and French labourites will shortly proceed to Petrograd to greet the new Government.

THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND.

PETROGRAD, March 30.

The Provisional Government has appointed a committee to settle the affairs of Poland pending the establishment of a Polish State. It has announced that all Government posts, including ministerial appointments, will be open to women.

LATER.

The Provisional Government has proclaimed that the Poles themselves will determine the form of their new government at a constituent assembly, based on universal suffrage.

THE FUTURE OF PALESTINE.

LONDON, March 30.

General Sir Archibald Murray's brilliant victory is hailed as another crusade opening up the prospect of ejecting the Turks from the whole of Palestine. It is considered certain that Judaea will fall into the hands of the British this summer, and the papers already speculate on the possibility of the establishment of a Zionist State in Palestine under British protection.

The progress of the British is largely due to the remarkable construction of roads and railways in the desert. When the enemy were crushed at Romani in August, Romani was the railhead. It now appears that the railway has been carried 100 miles further east. Already the Turkish position at Beersheba, the railway to which is their sole line of communication with Syria, is untenable. The victory also indirectly supports the British at Bagdad and the Russians at Kermanshah and makes Egypt absolutely secure, while the lesson taught the Turks will resound throughout the East.

THE PATRIOTIC LEAGUE OF BRITONS OVERSEAS.

LONDON, March 30.

The Patriotic League of Britons Overseas has received from 157 branches abroad over £100,000, the greater part of which has been handed to the Admiralty and the War Office to provide seaplanes and aeroplanes. Considerable sums have also been given to various war charities, including £13,854 to the Red Cross Fund.

NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE WAR.

SYDNEY, March 30.

It is officially announced that New South Wales has contributed £2,604,923 to various war funds, including £1,064,959 for foreign relief besides great quantities of provisions clothing etc. It has also contributed £35,250,000 to the Commonwealth war loans.

AUSTRALIAN LABOUR MEN AND THE WAR.

MELBOURNE, March 30.

Mr. Tudor, the leader of the Labour opposition, in a speech appealed for recruits.

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THE BRITISH PREMIER AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

LONDON, March 30.

A deputation of suffrage societies and women workers was received by Mr. Lloyd George who said, that a draft Electorial Reform Bill had already been prepared. While the inclusion of women's franchise would be left to the vote in the House of Commons, the majority of the Government favoured its inclusion in the Bill. He did not doubt that it would be voted for by an overwhelming majority in the House.

THE MIDDLESEX MEN ON THE TYNDAREUS.

LONDON, March 30.

Letters from soldiers on the *Tyndareus*, which have been published, dwell on the kindness of the inhabitants of Cape Town.

A BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, March 30.

Mr. J. A. Marriott, M.A., the Secretary to the Oxford University, has been returned unopposed for Oxford City.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BEATEN TURK.

POUNDED ON ALL SIDES.

LONDON, March 29.

Coming after Bagdad, General Sir Archibald Murray's success in Palestine makes bad reading for Berlin, and is hailed here and at Paris as justifying the relentless and persistent pressure against Turkey, which sooner or later must be overwhelmed unless there is speedy aid from Germany. This is regarded as improbable.

It is believed, incidentally, that the policy of pounding Turkey on all sides, when the Turkish divisions are fighting for Germany and Bulgaria, is bound to further embitter Ottoman feeling against Germany, and hasten the day of total collapse of Teutonic control at Constantinople.

Sir Harry Johnston suggests the establishment of a Jewish State at Palestine soon after the war, and thus re-civilise this cradle of great civilisations.

A PERORATION BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

"THE WINTER WHEAT IS BEING SOWN."

On February 3 Mr Lloyd George addressed a great meeting at Carnarvon, Wales. It was his first public visit to the Principality since he became Prime Minister, and the occasion was celebrated by a remarkable demonstration of enthusiasm. We quote the peroration of his speech:

"In conclusion I would sum up the appeal which I am making to you in the Carnarvon Boroughs men and women, and through you, to the men and women of this land. Do these things for the sake of your country during the war." Do them for the sake of your country after the war. When the smoke of this great conflict has been dissolved in the atmosphere we breathe there will re-appear new Britain. It will be the old country still, but it will be a new country. Its commerce will be new, its trade will be new, its industries will be new. There will be new conditions of life and of toil, for capital and for labour alike, and there will be new relations between both of of them and for ever. But there will be new ideas, there will be a character in the land. The men and women of this country will be burnt into find building material for the new Britain in the fiery kilns of the war. It will not merely be the millions of men who, please God, will come back from the battlefield to enjoy the victory which they have won by their bravery—a finer foundation I would not want for the new country, but it will not be merely that—the Britain that is to be will depend also upon what will be done now by the many more millions who remain at home. There are rare epochs in the history of the world when in a few raging years the character, the destiny, of the whole race is determined for unknown ages. This is one. The winter wheat is being sown. It is better, it is surer, it is more bountiful in its harvest than when it is sown in the soft spring time. There are many storms to pass through, there are many frosts to endure, before the land brings forth its green promise. But let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

The trustees of the late Lord Kitchener, on the advice of Sir Guy Laking, Keeper of the King's Armoury and Keeper of the London Museum, have lent to the London County Council, for exhibition in the Horniman Museum, Forest Hill, the collection of Eastern weapons and armour made by Lord Kitchener. Most of the weapons of Northern India and of the advanced peoples of other parts of India are represented, together with a few from Persia, China, Japan, the Sudan, and elsewhere.

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COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, in their Report, dated March 30th, state:—

The volume of business transacted during the week under review has been on a fair scale, restricted somewhat by the settlement which took place on the 29th instant, and at the close the market shows a tendency to improvement due, no doubt, to a natural reaction after the negotiation of a large settlement.

Money is easier locally, and also reported to be so in Shanghai, and in the absence of any heavy advance in sterling exchange, it is to be expected that present levels will be well maintained if not improved upon.

Banks have buyers at $680, after a fair business at the rate.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions at $895, Cantons at $370, North Chinas at $150, Yangtzes at $235 are unchanged from last week.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong Fires at $330 plus div. are in strong demand. China Fires at $155 could be placed at quotation.

SHIPPING.—Douglasses are quoted $94 sellers, but there are persistent rumours of business having been done considerably below this rate. Deferred Indos fluctuated between $124 and $127 throughout the week, and on settlement day a fair business was done at $126 and $127, the market closing at $127 offered. Star Ferries at $33, Steamboats at $18½ have changed hands to a small extent.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been a firm market round about $126, throughout the week, and at the close buyers are offering $126½. Malabons at $30 have changed hands to a small extent.

OILS AND MINING.—Langkats suddenly rose to a buying rate in Shanghai of Tls. 20, following on the amendment at the meeting resulting in a declaration of a one Tael dividend. The market has since eased off slightly. Raubs are wanted at $2.30, probably higher rates will be paid. Tronohs at 30s., Shells at 103s., Ural Caspians at 30s. are all unchanged from last week.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Kowloon Wharves have come to business at $80, closing with buyers at the rate. Hongkong Docks have come to business at $121½ for cash ex dividend. Shanghai Docks have buyers in Shanghai at Tls. 88.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Centrals at $93 are quiet. West Points could be placed at $71. Hongkong Hotels are offering at $102.

COTTON MILLS.—The market in Shanghai, owing we believe to settlement influences, has been quiet throughout the week. The following quotations are nominal, Shanghai Cottons at Tls. 117, Ewos at Tls. 147½, Kung Yiks at Tls. 13. Yangtszepoos Tls. 5, buyers.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electrics are in strong demand at $49, probably slightly higher rates will be paid. China Lights are wanted at $4.75. Hongkong Trams are wanted at $7.20.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Providents are offering at $8.10. China Borneos are wanted at $8. Cements are in a strong demand at $8.30 ex div. William Powells are wanted at $6 and Dairy Farms at $24; whilst Waterboats are offering at $16½, and Hongkong Ices have small buyers at $160.

OLD STAGE FAVOURITES IN LONDON.

"PETER PAN" REACHES A 1,000TH PERFORMANCE.

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"Peter Pan" has completed 1,000 performances in London, "Peg o' My Heart" 950, and "Romance" 523. None of these three has yet touched the "Charley's Aunt" record, but this, apparently, is merely a matter of time. Mr A. E. Matthews has appeared nearly 880 times as Jerry in "Peg o' My Heart," and Mr George Shelton has been in every London performance of "Peter Pan."

The following figures indicate the length of continuous runs in London of some past successes not including revivals:

Charley's Aunt	1,466
Our Boys	1,382
The Private Secretary, more than	1,000
The Chinese Honeymoon, more than	1,000
Dorothy	931
San Toy, more than	800
The Merry Widow	779
La Poupée	778
The Geisha	760
A Country Girl, more than	700
Pinafore	700
Sweet Lavender	683
The Toreador	675
The Mikado	672
Our Flat	645
Fanny's First Play	628
Bunty Pulls the Strings	618
Milestones	609
A Runaway Girl	598
The Gondoliers	554
Niobe	550
The Shop Girl	546
The Great Adventure, more than	500
Veronique, more than	500

These are merely London runs of course. The numbers are not to be compared with those achieved outside the Metropolis, by plays like "East Lynne," "A Royal Divorce," "The Lights o' London," "The Silver King," and others which are still being played.

A RUMANIAN SENSATION.

GENERAL SENTENCED TO PENAL SERVITUDE.

The Libre Parole states that the Rumanian General Socecu has been condemned by court-martial, at Jassy, to five years' penal servitude and degradation for betraying the Rumanian Army under his command on December 1, while executing a plan by General Berthelot, the head of the French mission. The Southern Rumanian Army made a vigorous offensive on the river Argesho against the German and Bulgarian troops, who crossed the Danube, and were advancing on Bucharest, and the enemy were thrown back in disorder for a dozen miles. General Socecu's army turned the enemy's left cutting them off completely from General von Falkenhayn's army. General Berthelot sent a wireless message to Paris announcing the success, adding that it was intended to drive General von Mackensen back to the Danube. But General Socecu, instead of continuing the pursuit, remained inactive. When he was ordered to advance General Socecu commanded the army to retreat, and thus General Mackensen was saved.

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PARADES FOR NEXT WEEK.

Monday, 2nd April:—

Sergeants will attend a class of Instruction in Bayonet Fighting at Scandal Point at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Every Sergeant must attend this class. Corporals wishing to attend these classes may do so.

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order.

Signalling Sections "A" and "B" Classes at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor L/Cpl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Bowles. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Tuesday, 3rd April:—

"A" and "B" Co.'s on the road outside the Orderly Room at 5.15 p.m. Kowloon and Taikoon Section on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Mounted Section on the Polo Ground at 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 4th April:—

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AMAZING EXAMPLE OF IRISH VALOUR.

One of the most remarkable incidents of the war has just come to light, and it is not surprising to those who have read of the amazing valour displayed by the Irish soldiers in the present war to find that Irishmen and their chaplain were the actors in it. The first public reference to the incident occurred in a speech delivered recently by Sir Philip Sassoon, M.P., aide-de-camp to Sir Douglas Haig, who described it as a story "that seriously compromises a Catholic parson." "I am not sure," he continued, "that I ought to tell it but the fact remains that, despite his peaceful avocation, he turned up on one occasion with eighteen enthusiastic Irishmen and 450 very thankful, if somewhat dejected, Germans."

Since Sir Philip Sassoon delivered this speech, the fact has emerged that the priest in question is Major the Rev. Father Thornton, of Cadzow, Hamilton, who is at present home on leave, after having been awarded the D.S.O. for devoted attention to the wounded, under shell-fire, during four consecutive days. We have previously described the warmth of the welcome accorded to Father Thornton on his arrival in Cadzow, where his popularity extends to all classes and creeds. Probably the first detailed account of his exploit was that given to St. Mary's Y. M. S., Paisley, by a neighbouring priest, Rev. Father Gourlay Shieldmuir, and the deed has since been described in some of the Scottish papers.

It appears that about a score of Dublin Fusiliers had gone on a reconnoitring expedition, accompanied by their chaplain, Father Thornton. A thick fog lay over the country and rendered it extremely difficult for them to determine their whereabouts. In the obscurity the little party had advanced too far, and they were first reminded of the fact by a volley of musket fire from a wood. They were at the time in a little valley, and their assailants were on the side of one of the surroundings hills, so that their situation was extremely precarious. They did not, however, lose their courage and presence of mind. They made the best of such shelter as was available and throwing themselves on the ground they poured their answering volleys into the wood with such rapidity and effect that the Germans evidently believed they were opposed by a large force. Three Germans emerged from the wood with their hands up, in token of surrender. Father Thornton advanced to meet them and deputed one of the three to return to the wood and inform their comrades that their lives would be spared if they surrendered. As he did not return in a reasonable time the "Dubs" poured in a couple more volleys, which resulted in the surrender of five or six more Germans. Father Thornton then decided personally to negotiate the surrender of the remainder. He entered the wood and interviewed the officer, with the result that the whole of the party—450 in number—surrendered. When they had thrown down their arms and emerged from the wood, Father Thornton, in order to maintain the deception as to the strength of his own party, called for eighteen men to take charge of the prisoners.

The Germans were evidently under the impression that they were liable to be subjected to ill-treatment at the hands of their captors, and some of the officers made offers of money and other presents to Father Thornton, which he indignantly rejected, stating that they were "British soldiers and not thieves."

When the little party, with their huge capture, got back to their own lines Father Thornton sought the Colonel in charge and requested him to make the necessary arrangements for looking after the prisoners. The Colonel was quite incredulous when he heard the story, and he would not believe it until he saw the line of prisoners filing past. Then his imagination no doubt conjured up the vision of a terrier fighting a lion, for the only words in which his amazement could find expression were:—"Well, of all the impertinence I ever heard of—".

In relating this incident, we have confined ourselves to a bare narration of facts.

The reader, however, does not require a very strong imagination in order to be able to complete for himself a picture of the scene and to realise what iron nerves that little handful of Irishmen possessed, and what coolness and resource their chaplain displayed. History will, undoubtedly, retain the exploit as another evidence of the indomitable valour of the Irish soldier.

Father Thornton, who played such a prominent part in the incident, was honoured last week by his parishioners at Cadzow. At an enthusiastic gathering he was presented with a pocket-book well filled with Treasury notes.—"Catholic Times."

THE CAUSE OF GOD.

"BISHOP BRENT'S SERMON."

Dr. Brent (Bishop of the Philippine Islands), preaching at the afternoon service on 11th ult. at Westminster Abbey, said that though a citizen of a sister nation, he did not come to England as an Alien. A thousand ties bound his life and his country to England.

It was no flattery for him to say that the British nation was teaching the world to-day, and also unborn generations, such lessons as men needed. He thanked God that it was permitted him at this particular juncture to be in their midst, though not commissioned to speak as a representative of a nation which, though up to a moment ago neutral, had now taken the first step to redeem its honour, and, to place itself on the side of God's cause and of humanity. Neutrality was sometimes necessary for a State, and possibly for an individual, where no great moral issues were involved, but neutrality was impossible when every principle of righteousness and justice and truth had been ruthlessly and deliberately trampled underfoot. America had fought for and won freedom and unity, and while her day of peril was over, to-day was the day of Britain's peril and tragedy. Let him tell them that they had had sympathy from the beginning. There were those who felt that they owed a debt—an unpayable debt—to this great Empire and to France in return for what had been given them and their nation in the days that were gone.

The neutral days were now over. He could tell them that America was not afraid of war. She was not too proud to fight, though she loved not war. They must not blame her if she showed a little hesitancy in taking a final step; but if honour bade her do it, she would go forward with untrembling hands. And why had she taken that step? It was not a case of ships; it was a case of righteousness. It might be that the final break came through some local irritation. America saw clearly what the people of this country saw so clearly, when they took their stand and committed themselves to God and His cause. Perhaps they had wondered sometimes whether it was worth it after all. Yes; it was worth it, because it was the cause of God and the freedom of the world. Their Colonial troops knew they were not fighting for any local end; they knew they were fighting for the Empire—fighting for the world that lay beyond the Empire.

A recent London paper mentions that there was a craze for War Loan sweepstakes on the Stock Exchange, and tickets sold like hot cakes. The first "sweep" of 950 £1 tickets was completely sold out shortly after the opening of business, and another of the same dimensions started in the afternoon was also promptly swallowed up. In both of these cases the prizes were one of £500, two of £100, and six of £50 each, all in bearer bonds of the Five per Cent. Loan. Another "sweep" was run with 1,900 £1 tickets, covering £2,000 of Loan, and another for £3,000.

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THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH.

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It is to be hoped, however, that amidst all this attention to foreign tongues the urgent necessity for greater care in the teaching of English will not be overlooked. The inability of the average boy or girl coming into business to write a good letter is astounding. It is not a question of literary graces. Nobody wants business letters written in the style of Ruskin. Yet what is wanted is, after all, at the root of all good style—the simple ability to express clearly and forcibly what is in the writer's mind.

To know clearly what you want to say and to know how to say it—these are the two parts of the task. The lack of clear thinking is at the bottom of most failures in expression. The imperfectly educated mind is full of half-comprehended general ideas, and seems sometimes to be quite incapable of the effort implied in crystallising its thoughts on a particular subject into definite form. And even when the ideas are clear, there is a curious hesitation in putting them on paper. To many young people a letter is a thing which must be written to pattern. When they take pen in hand a crowd of conventional phrases come into their mind, and they are more concerned with finding a place for these consecrated expressions than with the statement they have to make.

It is for this reason that the teaching of commercial correspondence to children is often a snare and a delusion. Instead of striving to understand the subject-matter of the letters, they commit to memory a string of technical phrases which remain meaningless to them. "Your favour of the 1st inst." and "Awaiting your esteemed instructions" take the place of "Hoping this finds you well." That is all. Nor is the ordinary school composition much better. The rather platitudinous subjects often set, "Autumn" or "Honesty," simply produce reminiscences of ill digested reading. The child writes what is supposed to be expected, not what he or she really thinks.

THE ONE ESSENTIAL.

Fortunately, many teachers have grasped the fact that the one thing that matters is to train children to put down clearly what is in their mind, and when they can do that, to teach them to put it down in clear sequence, showing cause and effect, and to discriminate between the essential and the unessential. It is on these paths that salvation lies. The technical vocabulary will come later, with an understanding of the business.

This matter of expression is important for many reasons. The ability to write a letter which combines brevity with courtesy and exactness, to produce a clear, good report or precis giving a maximum of facts in a minimum of words, to deliver a verbal message intelligently is much rarer than it should be. Not only is slovenly wording apt to create a bad impression, but it frequently leads to misconceptions on the part of the reader, and still more frequently to a failure to bring out clearly essential points of a document. Moreover, exactness in expression is bound up with clearness in thought. Care in the choice of words, with a view to obtaining the desired shade of meaning, leads to mental precision.

While a plain statement of facts is the first consideration in business correspondence, in the drafting of advertisements or reports, an intelligent use of language will often give one man's writing a persuasiveness which will turn the scale in getting a doubtful order, or divert the wrath of a correspondent who supposes himself to be injured. After all, there is much in the way a thing is put. The English language is a very flexible instrument, which we all have to use for many purposes. Its application to business and professional purposes can only be taught in connection with the business or profession itself; but it should be the work of the schools to render their scholars very considerably more expert in the actual manipulation of the instrument than is the case at present. The teaching of English should never be perfunctory or hurried. It is the most important subject on the syllabus.—"Daily Telegraph."

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The Ambulance Platoon will parade at Central Station at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3rd.

(Sgd.) F. C. JENKIN,
D.S.P. (R.).

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER, 1st APRIL.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)

Matins (11 a.m.)

Responses, Ferial; Venite, Goodson; Psalms, Wesley, Wesley; Te Deum, Woodward, Smart, Turle; Jubilate, Hayes; Anthem, "O Saviour of the World," Goss; Hymn, 99.

God Save the King.

Holy Communion (12 noon.)

Evensong (6 p.m.)

Responses, Ferial; Psalms, Purcell, Cooke; Magnificat, Cooke (13th morning); Nunc Dimittis, Rimbault (17th morning); Hymn, 3 (T 260), 4 (T 31), 95.

C.E.M.S.

After Evensong in the Cathedral: Reading of the Office of the Society, and Admission Service.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Morning Service at 11 a.m.—Hymns, 49, 25, 64, 71; Psalm, 121.

Evening Service at 6 p.m.—Hymns, 378, 70, 201, 191.

Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

PALM SUNDAY.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.

Responses, Ferial; Venite, Goodson; Psalms, of the 1st morning, Wesley, Turle, Hopkins, Monk, as set; Te Deum, Lawes, Cooke and Hopkins; Jubilate, Nares in A, Chant No. 79; Kyrie, Maunder; Hymns, 181, 451, 180. National Anthem.

Evening Prayer 6 p.m.

Responses, Ferial; Psalms, 1st Evening, as set; Magnificat, Turle in C, No. 323; Nunc Dimittis, Foster in E, No. 80; Hymns, 181, 197, 299, 159 (A & M 255). Vesper Hymn. National Anthem.

Peak Church.

Evening Service at 6.30.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

The Gospel Hall.

10 & 12 PEDDER STREET.

Weekly Services.—Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, Bible study 8 p.m.

Friday, Ladies' Bible study 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, Prayer Meeting, p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist.

MACDONNELL ROAD.

Sundays, 11 a.m.

Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church Wanchai.

Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church Garden Road.

Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cahetdral. Glenealy.

Low Mass at 6, 7 and 9.30 a.m.

High Mass at 8 a.m.

5.3[illegible] p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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[illegible] up Capital £2,437,500
[illegible] Funds 3,837,047
[illegible] & Annuity Funds 17,567,590
[illegible] Fund Account 128,250
£23,970,387

Fire Branch £2,881,456
Life and Annuity Branches 2,141,593
Marine Department 337,239
[illegible]ceipts 473,940
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EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, March 31, 1917.

On London—	
Bank Wire	2/4½
" On demand, ...	...2/4 3/16
" 30 days' sight	...2/4¼
" 4 months' sight, ...	...2/4 7/16
Credits, 4 months' sight,	...2/4⅝
Documentary, 4 months' sight	2/5
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	...328
Credits, 4 months' sight,	...336½
On New York—	
On demand, ...	...55⅞
Credits, 60 days sight, ...	...——
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	——
On demand, ...	nom.
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	——
On demand	nom.
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	...99¾
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	...111½
On Shanghai—	
On demand	...nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	——
On Yokohama—	
On demand, ...	...109
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	...48.30
Sovereigns (Banks' Buying rate)	$8.45 n.
Silver (per oz.)	36
Bar Silver in Hongkong	...17 % nom.
Chinese Copper Cash	½ % p.n.
Chinese Copper Cents... ...	½ % p.n.
Rate of Native Interest ...	7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	7½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	par.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

April 1st to 8th, 1917.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water: Hongkong Mean Time, h m	High Water: Height, high. high	Low Water: Hongkong Mean Time, h m	Low Water: Height, feet water
Sun.	1	No inferior 4 45 a.	[illegible]	nor low	[illegible]
Mon.	2	m. 7 34 6 0 a.	4.4 5.7	m 0 20 m 11 35	1.3 4.0
Tues.	3	m 8 1 6 58 a.	4.6 5.3	m 0 49 0 34 a.	1.1 2.6
Wed.	4	m 8 9 7 35 a.	4.8 5.3	m 1 11 1 22 a.	1.7 2.1
Thur.	5	m 8 19 8 11 a.	5.3 6.0	m 2 1 2 2 a.	1.7 2.6
Fri.	6	m 8 35 8 45 a.	5.8 5.9	m 2 30 2 40 a.	1.7 2.2
Sat.	7	m 9 30 9 2 a.	5.9 5.7	[illegible] 2 57 2 17 a.	1.9 1.7
Sun.	8	m 9 14 10 0 a.	6.2 6.5	m 2 24 2 55 a.	2.2 1.4

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 3 p.m.	On date at 6 a.m.	On date at 1 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.15	30.12	30.08
Temperature	62	60	67
Humidity ...	59	75	60
Direction of Wind ...	E	E	E
Force ...	3	1	3
Weather ...	c	o	b
Rain ...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air temperature on the 30th [illegible]
Lowest [illegible] on the 31st [illegible]

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, March 31, 1917.

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FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria with two Bearers.

Quarter hour.	10 cents.
Half hour, ...	20 "
One hour, ...	25 "
Three hours.	50 "
Six hours.	70 "
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ...	$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour, ...	0.60 cents.
Three hours	$1.00
Six hours, ...	1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ...	2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

	With 2 Bearers	*With 4 Bearers.*
Quarter hour, ...	$0.15	$0.30
Half hour, ...	0.20	0.40
One hour, ...	0.30	0.60
Two hours, ...	0.50	0.80
Three hours.	0.70	1.00
Six hours, ...	1.00	1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	1.50	2.00

RICKSHAS.

I.—In the Island of Hongkong if engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes, ...	5 cents.
Quarter hour, ...	10 "
Half hour, ...	15 "
One hour, ...	20 "
Every Subsequent hour	20 "

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour, ...	5 cents.
Half hour, ...	15 "
Hour, ...	20 "
Every subsequent hour, ...	10 "

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hirer causes the journey to take longer than:—

To 4th mile—		
single	75 cents ...	1 hour.
return	$1.00	2 hours.
Beyond 4th to 6th mile—		
single	$1.20	2 hours.
return	$1.50	4 "
Beyond 6th to 9th mile—		
single	$1.75	3½ "
return	$2.00	5 "
Beyond 9th to 11th mile—		
single	$2.00	3 "
return	$2.50	7 "

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsim Sha Tsui.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

I.

	Not exceeding per passenger.
From Slaughter House to Sailors' Home	04 cents.
From Sailors' Home to Government Civil Hospital	04
From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower	04 "
From Clock Town to Race Course	10 "
From Clock Town to Bay View House	12 "
From Wanchai Market to Bay View House	08 "
From Bay View House to Quarry Bay	08 "

II.—In the City of Victoria.

	Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour	10 cents.
Half hour	10 "
One hour	20 "
Two hours, ...	35 "
Three "	50 "
Four "	60 "
Five "	70 "
Six "	75 "
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	$1.25

III.—Beyond Victoria.

	Not exceeding per passenger.
One hour, ...	25 cents.
Two hours	45 "
Three "	60 "
Four "	75 "
Five "	85 "
Six "	90 "
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	$1.50

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria, half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

IV.—In Kowloon.

	Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour, ...	$ .40
Half hour, ...	.60
One hour, ...	.80
Two hours, ...	1.40
Three	2.00
Four	2.40
Five	2.80
Six	3.00
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5.00

(Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased [illegible] per centum.)

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 31st at 12.15.—With few exceptions pressure has decreased slightly to moderately throughout the area. The anticyclone continues to weaken and move eastward; it is now central over south Japan.

Moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 3.42 inches, against an average of 6.10 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 1st April:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, fresh to moderate; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong to Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN APRIL.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of April, 1917:—

Date.	Ends.		Begins.	
April 1st,	6.06	a.m.	6.48	p.m.
" 2nd,	6.04	"	6.50	"
" 3rd,	6.03	"	6.50	"
" 4th,	6.02	"	6.51	"
" 5th,	6.01	"	6.51	"
" 6th,	6.01	"	6.51	"
" 7th,	6.00	"	6.51	"
" 8th,	5.59	"	6.51	"
" 9th,	5.58	"	6.52	"
" 10th,	5.57	"	6.53	"
" 11th,	5.56	"	6.53	"
" 12th,	5.55	"	6.53	"
" 13th,	5.54	"	6.54	"
" 14th,	5.54	"	6.54	"
" 15th,	5.53	"	6.54	"
" 16th,	5.52	"	6.54	"
" 17th,	5.51	"	6.54	"
" 18th,	5.50	"	6.54	"
" 19th,	5.49	"	6.55	"
" 20th,	5.48	"	6.56	"
" 21st,	5.47	"	6.57	"
" 22nd,	5.47	"	6.57	"
" 23rd,	5.46	"	6.57	"
" 24th,	5.45	"	6.57	"
" 25th,	5.45	"	6.57	"
" 26th,	5.44	"	6.58	"
" 27th,	5.43	"	6.59	"
" 28th,	5.42	"	6.59	"
" 29th,	5.41	"	6.59	"
" 30th,	5.41	"	6.59	"

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

MARCH 31, 1917.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind: Direction.	Wind: Force.	Weather.
Wl'ostock...	6 a.	29.07	35	—	NNE	3	o
Memuro ...	5 a.	30.10	—	—	SSW	2	—
Hakodate ...	"	30.19	—	—	—	0	—
Tokio	"	30.30	—	—	NW	1	—
Kochi	"	30.29	—	—	WSW	1	—
Nagasaki ...	"	30.31	—	—	—	0	—
Kagoshima.	"	30.29	—	—	NW	2	—
Oshima	"	30.24	—	—	S	1	—
Naha	"	30.21	—	—	NE	1	—
Ishi'jima ...	"	30.17	—	—	N	1	—
BoninIsland	"	29.22	—	—	ENE	1	—
Chefoo	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei...	"	30.12	40	89	SSW	4	b
Hankow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang ...	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha ...	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai ...	"	30.21	47	91	SE	2	b
Gutzlaff	"	30.19	46	92	SE	2	o
Sharp Pk ...	"	30.18	52	79	W	1	b
Amoy	"	30.13	56	75	WNW	1	o
Swatow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taihoku ...	5 a.	30.14	61	83	E	4	o
Taichu	"	30.11	55	—	—	0	o
Tainan	"	30.08	55	—	NNW	2	b
Koshun	"	30.16	55	—	NE	2	o
Pescadores	"	30.10	63	—	N	6	o
Canton	6 a.	30.12	57	100	—	0	dh
Hongkong .	"	30.12	60	75	E	1	o
Gap Rock ...	"	30.10	—	—	ENE	5	c
Macao	"	30.10	59	83	NE	2	cf
Wuchow ...	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	7 a.	30.08	57	96	NE	4	rf
Tourane	"	30.02	64	—	NW	4	of
C. St. James	"	29.97	73	—	E	4	o
Aparri	6 a.	29.95	70	96	NE	4	r
Dagupan ...	"	29.82	73	91	—	0	o
Manila	"	29.85	73	96	—	0	o
Legaspi	"	29.85	73	96	NE	1	b
Tacloban ...	"	29.85	75	94	—	0	o
Iloilo	"	29.84	75	88	N	4	o
Surigao	"	29.85	73	96	SSE	1	o
Labuan	"	29.78	78	84	N	2	b

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, March 31, 1917.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squall, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew, wet).

7. RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

SHARE REPORT.

MARCH 31ST, 1917.

Stock and paid up Value.	Q'tions 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Return based on last year's div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & S'hai $125	$685 b.	Final of £2-3/- making £4-6 for 1916 and bonus of 10/- subject to deduction of Income tax	6¼ p.c.
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Cantons $50	$372½ b.	$7 final, making $25 a/c 1914 and Interim of $18 a/c 1915.	6¾ p.c.
North Chinas £5	T. 150	Final div. of 15% making 27½% a/c 1915	
Unions $100	$900 b.	Interim of $30 a/c 1915...	6¾ p.c.
Yangtszes $60	$235	Final of $15 making $18 for 1914 and int. of $6 on account 1915	7½ p.c.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fires $20	$155 b.	$7 and bonus $2 for 1914.	5¾ p.c.
Hongkong Fires ... $50	$332½ b.	$27 for 1914	7 p.c.
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships $50	$94 b.	$1 final making $6 and $8 bonus, making $14 all a/c 1915-16	14 p.c.
Steamboats $15	$18½ s. & sa.	$1.25 for 1916	6½ p.c.
Indo-Chinas— (Preferred) ... £5	$41½	Interim of 3/- a/c 1916...	6 p.c.
(Deferred) ... £5	$127½ b. 128 sa.	Interim of 10/- a/c 1916	8 p.c.
"Shell" Transports £1	103/-	2/- int. a/c 1916 Coupon 27	7 p.c.
"Star Ferry" $10	$33	$1.65 dividend & 45 cts. Bonus for year ending 30-4-16	6½ p.c.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugars $100	$114 x. d. b.	$12 for 1915	10 p.c.
Malabon Sugars ... P. 30	$29½ b.	P. 5 for 1916	13½ p.c.
MINING.			
Kailans £1	38/-	Final div. 5% free of income tax, making 10% a/c 1915-1916 coupon No. 8	5 p.c.
Langkats ...... gdrs. 10	T. 18½ b.	Tls. 1 for 1916	
Raubs £1	$2.15 b.		
Tronoh Mines £1	27/6 s.	1/- interim making 4/- a/c 1916	13 p.c.
Ural Caspians £1	28/-	9% for 1915	
DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.			
Kowloon Wharves $50	$80 b	8% for 1916 & bonus $2	7½ p.c.
H.K. & Whampoa Docks $50	$121 b.	Final $2.50 & bonus $6, making $11 a/c 1916...	9 p.c.
Shanghai Docks T. 100	T. 90 b. & 90 sa.	Tls. 7½ for year ending 30-4-16	8⅓ p.c.
HOTELS, LANDS AND BUILDINGS.			
Hongkong Hotels ... $50	$102	Final of $3 making $6 a/c 1916	6 p.c.
Central Estates ... $100	$93	$7 a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
Hongkong Lands ... $100	$94 b.	Final div. of $3½ making $7 a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
Humphreys Estates $10	$6½ b.	50 cents for 1916	7½ p.c.
Kowloon Lands ... $30	$33	$2 for 1916	7 p.c.
West Points $50	$70 b.	Final $3.25, making $5.25 a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
Shanghai Lands T. 50	T. 92	6% final making 12% a/c 1916	6½ p.c.
COTTON MILLS.			
Ewos ...... T. 50	T. 147½	Tls. 9 for year ending 31-10-16	6¼ p.c.
Shanghai Cottons T. 50	T. 117	Tls. 6 div. a/c year ended 30-6-16.	5 p.c.
Kung Yik ...... T. 10	T. 13	Tls. 0.90 for 1916	7 p.c.
Yangtszepoos ... T. 5	T. 5 b.		
MISCELLANEOUS.			
China-Borneos $12	$8 b.	72 cts. for 1915	9 p.c.
Light & Powers ... $5	$4½ b.	6 p.c. for year ending 28-2-06	
China-Providents $10	$8 sa.	70 cents for 1916	8¾ p.c.
Dairy Farms $6	$23 b.	$3 for year ending 31-7-16	12½ p.c.
Green Islands $10	$8.30 b.	80 cents for 1916	9 p.c.
Hongkong Electrics $10	$19 b.	$2¼ for 1915/1916	4¼ p.c.
Hongkong Ices $25	$151	$3 on a/c 1916	2 p.c.
Hongkong Ropes ... $10	$28	$1 final and bonus $1, making $3	10½ p.c.
Hongkong Tramways 5/-	$7.20 b. 7.20 s.	23% final a/c 1916 Pending (cents 48 per share)	8½ p.c.
H.K. Steel Foundry ...	$10		
Peak Tramways ... $10	$9.80	7% for 1915/1916	7 p.c.
do. (new) $1	$1		
Steam Laundry $5	$3.40 sa.	25 cents for 1915/1916 ...	6¼ p.c.
Union Waterboats $10	$16½ s.	12½% for 1916	8 p.c.
Watsons $10	$6¾	70 cents for 1915	
William Powell $7	$6 b.	60 cents for 1913/1914 ...	10 p.c.

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